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DUBLIN

Is Suffering From an Epidemic of Committees and Men Are Tired.

Earnest Protest From a Gentleman Who Describes Ireland's Latest Plague.

The Committee Woman Also Abounds and All Find Plenty of Work.

SUGGESTIONS FOR RELIEF ARE ASKED

Ireland has been called a "beleaguered country," on account of the number of leagues established in the land. But if Ireland is the land of leagues, Dublin is the city of committees, says a writer in the Dublin Independent. The Irish-Ireland movement, for which Dublin is such a stronghold, has given rise to the formation of innumerable committees for the promotion of the Irish language, music, industries, games and all things of the soil. It seems as if nothing could be done now without a committee to help it along. The first suggestion one hears whenever a new project is mooted is: "Let us form a committee to deal with it." And then the poor, overworked Irish-Irelanders are canvassed once again and asked to form yet another committee. It is usually the same set of people who are appealed to over and over again, and on these too willing workers an ever-increasing burden falls, till in these latter days it is really becoming intolerable. There are some Dubliners who live not a single evening in the week which is not claimed by a committee meeting. There is no leisure, no home life for these people. They work hard all day at their offices or places of business, for almost all these people are of the class which have to earn their bread, and in the evening they turn out again and tramp off to sit for hours in a stuffy room using their brains incessantly over committee work.

The self-sacrifice which prompts such action is most admirable, but it is really not fair to make such excessive demands upon our workers. Their health must suffer in the long run from the burning of the candle at both ends. Can nothing be done to reduce the number of committees? It strikes me that there is some overlapping and that some of the committees might be amalgamated with advantage, and their work dovetailed. Time and energy might thus be saved without the efficiency of the work being impaired. Granted that most of the committees really do get through a great deal of useful work, and that the members are really painstaking and zealous, still one questions whether it is necessary to have quite so many of them.

A certain school of politicians used to think that they had done everything needful then they had passed "a strong resolution" demanding some reform. Is there not a tendency among some Irish-Irelanders to think that they have done their whole duty to the cause when they have appointed a committee to deal with some department of their movement? At any rate, there is a prospect of some Dubliners going on strike against committees. One worried Dubliner recently remarked that an Anti-Committee League ought to be founded, and that the citizens should take an anti-committee pledge, promising that they would neither join a committee themselves nor ask anybody to join one. Seriously, something must be done, for the thing is becoming a veritable treadmill. The present writer belongs to many committees, and can speak from experience. There is a tendency among committees to sub-divide into a number of sub-committees each division of the work having its special committee to look after it, and this, of course, makes the call on the members' time still more numerous. Some of these sub-committees are distinctly superfluous and an unnecessary tax on their members.

There are many other committees, philanthropic, social and otherwise, at work in the city, as well as Irish-Ireland ones, and it must be admitted that the latter are more interesting than the former. Gaelic League committees are, as a rule, business-like and practical, and a high order of intelligence is shown by the members. The patriotic element also never fails to introduce a gleam of animation and interest into the proceedings. For dullness and tediousness the non-political, non-sectarian committees can not be beaten. The members are always so afraid of offending each other's susceptibilities, they are afraid to open their mouths, and in seeking to be non-controversial they succeed only in being hopelessly dull and uninteresting.

The Gaelic League has set a good example in eliminating votes of thanks, fulsome addresses of congratulation, and testimonials of all kinds on every conceivable occasion. Other societies had got into the habit of perpetually passing votes of thanks for nothing in particular, and into organizing testimonials to people who had done nothing to deserve any particular recognition from their fellow-citizens. Another new departure due to the Gaelic League is the rise of the committee woman, who has within the last few years come on the

scene and takes her place bravely side by side with the committee man. The Gaelic League, standing for progress as it does, prides itself on having extended the franchise to women before Parliament has done so.

At the Ard Fheis of the Gaelic League many women represent their branches as delegates and are, of course, vested in full voting powers. On the Executive of the Gaelic League several women are elected annually and others of their sex are members of numerous Gaelic League committees in different parts of the country. The committee woman was first looked at by some old-fashioned folk rather askance, but she is now taken for granted and is, as a rule, cordially welcomed, for it is recognized that she does good work. On Poor Law Boards, as well as the Gaelic League committees and wherever else women take part in civil life, their influence is one making for good. They are against jobbery and corruption and they are not only intelligent, but impartial, as a rule.

Many interesting character studies may be made at committees by the quiet observer. We have all suffered from the long-winded orator who mistakes a committee for a debating society and makes lengthy speeches when a few words would answer the purpose as well. There are others who go into the opposite extreme and never utter a word. It never transpires what their ideas are, if they have any ideas at all. On a big committee there are almost always some useless members, drones in the hive, and the burden of the works fall on a few. Then there are those trying people who waste time over petty details and lose sight of the main issue. They seem to forget the real end for which they are supposed to be working, and waste their own and everybody else's time on some triviality. At a committee of a Clothing Society not so very long ago a member spent a long time arguing whether the mark with which the clothes were to be stamped should be the size of a two shilling piece or half a crown.

Another type to be met with on committees is the Ishmael one, whose hand is against every man's and against whom every man's hand is. It is enough for a motion to be proposed for it to be opposed by the cranky customer, who reminds one of the stage Irish story told by English people about the Irishman who, as a member of a shipwrecked crew, landed in an unknown country. "I wonder what the Government of this country is," remarked one of the crew. "I don't know, I am sure, but whatever it is, I'm agin it," returned the Irishman. But, jokes apart, the committee question, like the servant one, is becoming a very burning one, and it behooves us all to consider how we can remedy the present unsatisfactory state of affairs. Any suggestions for the improvement of the situation from others who feel the necessity for a change would be welcomed by a Gaelic Leaguer.

FULL POWER.

Division 3 Blazing the Way For Hibernian Home and Hall.

Division 3, A. O. H., was the first to meet since the joint meeting of the four local councils, and as a consequence was the first to inaugurate a movement for the Hibernian hall. President P. J. Welsh occupied the chair and appointed the following committees:

Finance—Magistrate Patrick T. Sullivan, John Hennessy and Michael Sheehan.

Literary—Charles Brown, Patrick McLean and John Hession.

Michael J. Quinn was reported ill. The subject of purchasing or erecting a permanent home and hall was brought up and the fullest discussion was invited. Everybody favored the movement and the addresses made were enthusiastic. President Welsh expressed his gratification over the expressions of good will toward the "home" movement and at the suggestion of the division appointed Michael Sheehan, Alderman George J. Butler and James Coleman a committee from Division 3 to act with the committees from the other branches in selecting a site for the home. The committee was given full power to act and was notified that there was \$1,000 in the treasury that its members could draw upon whenever they chose to act.

HIGH HONORS.

Edward J. O'Brien Has Been Re-Elected President of Exchange.

Edward J. O'Brien has been elected President of the Louisville Leaf Tobacco Exchange for the fifth consecutive year. Mr. O'Brien is a native of Louisville and is an Irish-American who our people may be proud of. Louisville has the largest tobacco market in the world, and after the American Tobacco Company, Mr. O'Brien is the largest buyer on the market. His position as head of the Louisville Leaf Tobacco Exchange is as important to the city's commerce as that of the President of the Board of Trade. Mr. O'Brien represents the French Government in this market and has several other important interests in the tobacco trade.

While still a young man, Mr. O'Brien has been affiliated with the tobacco industry from boyhood and understands every phase of its culture and manufacture. He is also prominent in affairs of the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

ATTENTION!

First Company of Uniform Rank Made a Hit With Central Committee.

Officers Installed and New Committees Appointed by President.

Organization Shown to Be in Splendid Shape For More Work.

SUPREME PRESIDENT IS COMING SOON

The Central Committee of the Catholic Knights of America met for the first time in the new year last Friday. The feature of the evening was the appearance of the company of the Uniform Rank in their new uniforms. The uniforms are neat and tasteful, not gorgeous nor unseemly. The cloth is black, with white braid and silver lettering. The officers have a modicum of gold lace in place of the silver on the uniforms of privates.

President Newton G. Rogers presided and a majority of the branches affiliated answered to Secretary Score's roll call. The annual report of the Secretary showed that the committee had a comfortable balance in the treasury. At this juncture the members of the Uniform Rank, under command of Capt. Gus Kane, appeared in their new uniforms and went through several simple evolutions that brought forth general applause. There are now enough members of the company to make a splendid showing as a drill team and under the captaincy of Gus Kane great improvement is being shown at each succeeding drill. These drills are taking place every Friday, so that when National President Gaudin visits Louisville in the near future the members will be able to make a creditable showing.

After the uniformed members had completed their drill and had heard the encomiums paid by all present, Col. Michael Reichert installed President Newton G. Rogers and the other Central Committee officers.

On assuming the chair President Rogers announced his committees for the year as follows:

Entertainment—William M. Higgins, Thomas Feeley, J. Herp, Charles J. Desse, Capt. Gus Kane, Frank Reis, C. A. Hill and John J. Score.

Membership—Louis F. Steiner, John B. Sticker, John P. Kelly, William T. Meehan, John Lembach, Jacob Walter, Jacob Gobeys and Harry A. Veememan.

A resolution inviting Supreme President Gaudin to visit Louisville and address the members of the order in the three Falls Cities was adopted by unanimous vote. Col. C. W. Ratterman, formerly of Cincinnati, now of Louisville, was called upon to say something for the welfare of the order. In reply he commended the showing made by the Uniform Rank and expressed the wish that the company would grow to give the Catholic Knights of America the best guarded fraternal society in existence.

Joseph P. McGinn stated that the paraphernalia for the new ritual would be on hand in the near future and that steps had been taken to organize a degree team. He also stated that a degree team from Cincinnati would come down to put the local team through. Col. Michael Reichert offered the services of the Cincinnati team to conduct the initiation in case the local team was not in readiness. Capt. Kane, in behalf of the Uniform Rank, thanked the members of the Central Committee for their praise of his company's work and said he hoped the company would be the best drilled in the order.

PAINFUL BURNS.

Father, Mother and Daughter Injured by Gasoline Explosion.

Martin M. Brucker, his wife and daughter, Miss Lillian Brucker, were painfully burned by the explosion of a can of gasoline at their home, 610 Twenty second street, last Sunday morning. Miss Brucker was engaged in cleaning a cruet with gasoline when in some inexplicable manner the can containing the flery liquid exploded. The burning oil enveloped Mrs. Brucker in flames and spread about the room. Mrs. Brucker ran into the adjoining room and was wrapped in a blanket before extinguishing the flames, but she was painfully burned about the head, arms and chest in the attempt to save her life. Mr. Brucker, who was upstairs when the explosion occurred, hurried down and carried the can of burning oil into the yard. In so doing he, too, was painfully burned about the arms and chest. The fire department had to be called out before the flames were extinguished.

At last accounts all the sufferers were doing well. During the week they have received many messages of sympathy and wishes for their speedy recovery.

GREAT REGRET

On All Sides Over Untimely End of Popular John Veltan.

The death of former Magistrate John N. Veltan, which occurred at his home, 813 Kentucky street, last Friday evening, caused general regret all over the city. The deceased was one of the best known men in local politics and was regarded as one of the best mixers in Louisville. He had a cheerful word, a pleasant smile and a hearty handshake for all. Although he had been ill for two weeks and while it was known that his condition was serious, still his death came with shocking suddenness and at a time when he was supposed to be on the road to recovery.

The deceased was born in this city thirty-three years ago and received his education in the local schools. When scarcely more than a boy he was given a place in the County Clerk's office, where his attention to duty and genial manners won him many friends. As a Deputy County Clerk he extended his acquaintance widely and rapidly. He retired from that position to become the Democratic candidate for Magistrate in the Fifth district. He was elected by a large majority and could have been re-elected had he cared to run. Instead he helped to manage Magistrate Adams' campaign for County Assessor. When the latter was elected he announced that Mr. Veltan was to be his Chief Deputy and the announcement found popular favor.

The deceased was a member of Trinity Council, Y. M. C. A.; Vice President of the Falls City Bowling League and was affiliated with several other social and fraternal organizations, which sent handsome floral designs in his memory. His wife, who was Miss Rose Bush, and one daughter, nine years old, survive him.

Members of the Falls City Bowling League met Saturday night at the call of President John J. Barry, adopted appropriate resolutions and sent a beautiful floral design to the home of the deceased. The funeral took place from St. Paul's church on Monday morning.

INCREASE LEAD.

The Kentucky Irish American Bowling Team Makes Big Gain.

The interest in the Falls City Bowling League race still continues unabated. The Kentucky Irish American team increased its lead by defeating the Robinson-Norton team three straight games this week, while the Loevenhart team, their closest competitors, suffered the bitter pangs of defeat from Captain Burke's gallant West End team. The Squire Adams team is now making a bid for high honors, having won ten out of the last twelve games, and are pushing the Ferncliffe team for third honors, with the John C. Lewis team closely following. The Robinson-Norton team has slumped a little lately and is just slightly ahead of the West End and H. L. Kohler teams, who are at the bottom of the ladder, although Captain Bruhm, of the Kohlers, says that from now on his team will make a clean sweep of their nearest rivals.

Every team in the Falls City League is preparing to enter the national bowling tournament, which will be held in the new Armory building beginning St. Patrick's day, and it goes without saying that the members of this popular local league will be sure to capture some of the many prizes that are offered. Following is the official standing to date:

	W.	L.	P.
Kentucky Irish American	44	11	772
Loevenhart	35	22	614
Ferncliffe	29	22	536
Squire Adams	32	27	534
John C. Lewis	24	30	444
J. M. Robinson Norton	24	33	421
West End	20	34	364
Henry L. Kohler	17	40	228

CARDINAL GIBBONS

Tells Members of the Irish Ladies' Choir a Funny Story.

The members of the Irish Ladies' Choir, on tour in this country, were in Baltimore last week. Incidental to their visit the ladies called upon Cardinal Gibbons. The eminent churchman received them pleasantly and said facetiously:

"Which one of you is the oldest?" None claimed the honor and they all blushed. The talk drifted around to Gibbons and his band, and Cardinal Gibbons told of how Gibbons, at Coney Island, hearing that the Cardinal was in the audience, played "Maryland, My Maryland," and how it pleased him.

"Gibbons," said the Cardinal, "was famous for his playing of Mozart's Twelfth Mass. Once he played it in a North Carolina town, and next day the local paper announced that he 'rendered with great effect Mozart's Twelfth Mass.'"

DR. HYDE AT CINCINNATI.

Dr. Douglas Hyde will deliver a lecture at Music Hall, Cincinnati, tomorrow evening, having for his subject the Gaelic revival. During the course of his lecture he will tell his experiences in introducing, or rather restoring, the Gaelic tongue to 3,000 Irish schools during the past twelve years.

LIBERALS

Are Very Agreeably Surprised by Large Victories in Unionist Strongholds.

Veritable Landslide Appears to Have Overwhelmed Followers of Balfour.

Each Day Brings News of More Defeats For Anti-Home Rulers.

WILL ENGLAND MAINTAIN HONESTY?

The general elections are on in Ireland and the British Isles and each succeeding day brings fresh defeats for the Unionists, fresh but agreeable surprises for the Liberals. Little if any disorder has occurred at the polls, but the results have been sensational.

Of the 670 members required two were elected on Friday. On the following day sixty-five members were elected in England and only one in Scotland. On Monday seventy-six contests were held and the result only went to show that the elections of Friday and Saturday had cast their shadows before.

Landslide is no name for it. It is a revolution. The voting of the electors of England, without referring to those of Scotland, Wales and Ireland, show that the people of England favor home rule for Ireland. How else can the voting be interpreted?

In the Eastern division of Manchester former Prime Minister Arthur J. Balfour was defeated on Saturday by T. G. Horridge. The latter was confessed by the Liberals to be a weak candidate, yet he won by a majority of 1,980. Balfour's defeat was a surprise to the Liberals and a sensation to the Unionists.

On the other hand Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was returned from the Stirling district without opposition. Gerald Balfour, who was President of the Local Government Board, a position in a manner equivalent to Secretary of the Interior in the American Cabinet, was defeated at Leeds by the Liberal candidate, Walter Dume Legg, formerly Chief Secretary for Ireland, is another of the Unionist candidates who went down in defeat.

On Tuesday morning the election returns showed Liberals, 95; Unionists, 31; Laborites, 18; Nationalists, 18; Socialists, 15. Thus far the Liberals have gained sixty-four members. Many hitherto Unionist seats have come uncompromisingly into the Liberal stronghold.

While former Premier Balfour and other members of his cabinet who stood for re-election were defeated, the Campbell-Bannerman cabinet fared better. Herbert John Gladstone, Secretary for Domestic Affairs; James Bryce, Chief Secretary for Ireland; Sir J. Lawson Walton, the Attorney General, and Augustine Birrell, President of the Board of Education, have been returned by big majorities.

While the elections are only beginning it seems that everything is shaped for a Liberal victory and an overwhelming victory at that. The Irish-Americans of this city and country have no interest in the election save the benefit that will accrue to Ireland. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and his cohorts have made their fight and have won their separate and collective victories with the slogan "Home Rule for Ireland."

The English people of today are too enlightened to break a contract so solemnly entered into even if they wished. The hopeless defeat of Arthur J. Balfour in a Unionist stronghold has cast him adrift. He knows not where to turn. On Saturday night he spoke of standing for another seat. On Monday he gave it up as a bad job and announced that while the Liberals had an enormous advantage the life of their government would be short.

There has never been a time in the history of the world that so many eyes were centered on Ireland and the British Government. The majority of people believe in self-government. Ireland is, or appears to be, nearing the goal for which its sons and daughters have sacrificed money and life during many centuries.

England boasts of Edmund Burke in her Parliament; of Wesley in her wars; of Goldsmith and Moore in her poetry; of Sheridan in her dramas; of Lever and Lister in her humor. If she is honest she will lend the efforts of her statesmen toward preserving the integrity, the courage, the poetry, the purity and the fidelity of the Irish people by allowing them in some measure self-government.

MACKIN'S SOCIAL CLUB.

Mackin Social Club will give another of its popular dances at Mackin club house on Monday night. Good music will be rendered under the direction of Prof. Vincent Pellai, Jr. These dances are growing in popularity as the season progresses.

VERY TIMELY.

The following letter is very timely and speaks for itself:

SHREVEVILLE, KY., Jan. 15, 1906.

Friend Higgins: I have been anxiously waiting to read in your paper the

FORWARD!

Louisville Is On the March to Prosperity and Big Buildings.

Some of the Many Large Enterprises That Are Now Under Way.

National Bowling Tournament Will Bring Many Visitors to the City.

KENTUCKIANS AND THE HOME COMING

People who have been calling Louisville an overgrown village and who have otherwise grown factions at the expense of the city will have to take a back seat. New and handsome buildings are being built everywhere and Louisville is now the metropolis of the South as well as of Kentucky. The time for scoffing is past. It behooves everyone of us now to put our shoulders to the wheel and keep things moving.

Think of a few of the enterprises that are now under way. The new armory at Sixth and Walnut streets has been practically completed. It will not only be a splendid home for the First Regiment of Kentucky, but it will be large enough to accommodate a national political convention in case either party should choose to meet here. The Paul Jones building, at Fourth and Jefferson, is also in process of erection, and although it may take more than a year to complete it, it will be a distinct ornament to the city. The Louisville Railway Company has about completed its new interurban depot on Jefferson and Green streets, between Third and Fourth. On the upper floors the company will have its general offices.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company has not only rebuilt the handsome union station destroyed by fire last summer, but it is also erecting a ten-story steel office building at Ninth street and Broadway. The management of the Lincoln Savings Bank is projecting a twelve-story steel building for Market street, near Fourth, and another structure will begin during the year.

Peter Lee Atherton is at work on the Mary Anderson Theater and office building, which is to adorn the southwest corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets. Then the Louisville Free Library is under way, and while the progress is rather slow the building, when completed, will be one of the finest in the United States.

The Hibernians of this city have caught the fever and also are preparing to purchase or erect a hall. It will not be a skyscraper just yet, but when the members get their own home, no matter how humble, they will soon work to enlarge and improve it. Trinity Council, Y. M. C. A., is also in the building list and has a handsome three-story structure under way.

The Catholic population of Louisville is rapidly increasing and spreading out. While not officially announced, well authenticated rumor has it that new and handsome churches will soon be erected in various sections of the city. One will probably be at Shelby and Burnett streets, another at Highland Park and another at Brook and Walnut streets. The new monastery and church of the Passionists on the Newburg road is rapidly nearing completion, and will probably be dedicated at Easter.

Neither are amusements being neglected. Not only is the Mary Anderson Theater under way, but the Hopkins Theater people are improving their summer resort at Fontaine Ferry Park. Lovers of horseflesh will enjoy two new tracks, the Louisville Jockey Club and Douglas Park. Both of these will have concert pavilions during the summer months.

Another thing that will advertise Louisville is the national bowling tournament that will open here on St. Patrick's day. It will bring bowlers from all parts of the country. If they see nothing they will at least be pleased to see the Armory, where the tournament will be held.

The Louisville Commercial is receiving daily hundreds of requests from Kentuckians residing in other States and in different countries, requesting that invitations be sent them "home coming week" in Louisville, June 13 to 17. The Commercial Club under whose auspices the event is given, has already received several names, covering every State and Territory in this Union and the foreign countries. The Commercial Club invites all Kentuckians to the names and addresses of any or relatives who now reside elsewhere. These names should be forwarded once to Secretary R. E. Hughes.

With so many enterprises and events Louisville is surely on the road to prosperity. May the spirit exhibited continue until Louisville corporate limits are extended to the boundaries of Jefferson county.

The Rev. Father Harry R. ... who was ordained at St. Joseph's ... will celebrate his first mass there tomorrow morning. Several of his friends in this city are invited to be present.

Douglas Hyde will lecture in your city, but have been disappointed thus far. What is the matter with the four divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians? Surely they will not let such an opportunity pass without giving the people a chance to hear the greatest man of our language and literature today. Agitate this, my brother; get together and have the Doctor come. Yours truly, JOHN M. CASEY.

GENEROUS OFFER.

Friend of St. Cecilia's Parish Promises \$5,000 If \$10,000 More Is Raised.

A fresh impetus was given the movement for a new St. Cecilia's church last Sunday when the Rev. Father Brady announced that a prominent citizen of Louisville and a well wisher of St. Cecilia's congregation had offered to give him check for \$5,000 toward the new church if the members of the congregation would raise \$10,000 by July 1. The announcement was received with pleasure and the members are now bestirring themselves to accumulate the necessary sum. It is expected that \$30,000 will be in the hands of Father Brady by midsummer. In that event work on the new church will follow fast.

The Executive Committee of the Church Building Association decided to make a report of its receipts about May 15, or about the time when the collections for April are all in.

A member of the congregation announced that he would give \$100 toward the necessary \$10,000 whenever he was called upon. Father Brady is highly elated over the generous spirit exhibited by his friends and parishioners.

PARCEL PARTY

And Dramatic Club Caused Splendid Attendance at Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. H., held a well attended meeting Wednesday night. Not only were the ladies all present, but quite a number of gentlemen appeared and took an active part in the discussions. Miss Elizabeth King presided and the regular routine of business was dispatched with celerity. The President explained that the principal feature of the evening would be the organization of a dramatic club. The members discussed whether to give a drama or a minstrel show either on St. Patrick's day or Easter Monday night. Brief talks were made and suggestions were offered by Messrs. James P. Barry, William T. Meehan, Thomas D. Cline, Frank P. Burke, David O'Connell, John J. Barry and Mrs. Mary Cline. No final conclusion was reached, but the following ladies were appointed to select material for the dramatic club: Misses Ella O'Connell, Julia Kelly, Nell Cunningham, Maggie Honrigan and Mrs. Mary Cline. This committee will report at the special joint meeting of the auxiliary and their gentlemen friends on Monday evening, January 29.

The "parcel party" that followed caused unusual merriment. Every lady and gentleman brought a parcel, and at a signal from the President each person passed the parcel to the nearest neighbor. After the articles had changed hands a number of times a second signal was given and the packages were opened. One old bachelor got a jumping jack and a lady found herself possessed of a red flannel shirt.

Thomas D. Cline and Michael McGuire recited, and Miss Julia Kelly won applause by her splendid rendition of several instrumental and vocal solos, and was compelled to respond to many encores.

PLEASING

Were the Surprises Given Members of Branch 25, C. K. of A.

Branch 25, Catholic Knights of America, met Monday night with a record breaking attendance. After the installation of officers brief addresses were made by President Meehan and his colleagues. The letter from Supreme President Gaudin, announcing that the order had made a new record in growth for a given period, called forth great applause.

William T. Llewellyn presented an application for membership, the first of the new year. This was a signal for renewed applause. Financial Secretary E. J. Mann announced that the order was paying death benefits within seven days from date of death and cited the case of Phil Hendricks, who died recently and whose benefit was paid within a week. He said it showed that the Supreme officers were attending to their duties promptly, since the check was in the hands of the local officers within six days after Mr. Hendricks' demise.

Secretary Mann also announced that the Supreme officers had called for the quarterly dues and per capita tax, but he likewise announced that the local fund had sufficient to its credit to relieve the members to a certain extent. The monthly dues for January, February and March will not have to be collected, so that the members will be relieved by paying the per capita tax of fifty cents. All in all, it was a meeting of very agreeable surprises to the members of Branch 25.

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MENTAL ATROPHY.

Lafon Allen, of this city, a delegate from Louisville to the Municipal Voters' League, which met in Chicago last week, made an address at the closing session in which he is alleged to have said:

"We have the best election laws and the worst possible elections in Louisville. Our political machine is a specialist in stealing elections, and such a thing as an honest election is unknown in Louisville. We have no confidence in our criminal judges. It is impossible in our city to have a man convicted for stealing an election. The time has come when the good citizens of our city must act, and I would not be surprised to see, at the next election, 2,000 young men go to the polls armed with shotguns to enforce their rights."

Physically and morally Mr. Allen is one of the cleanest young men about town, but he is evidently suffering from mental atrophy. Mr. Allen is a Republican of deepest dye. His uncle, Col. Morris Belknap, was Lieutenant Colonel of the Louisville Legion during the Spanish-American war and was later the Republican nominee for Governor, but was defeated by J. C. W. Beckham, the Democratic nominee. And yet Mr. Allen tells the Chicago convention about "Our political machine."

Again it is reported that he said: "We have no confidence in our criminal judges." We have only one in Louisville, Judge Joseph Pryor. Surely Mr. Allen does not want to impugn his motives.

Mr. Allen then is reported as having said: "I would not be surprised to see, at the next election, 2,000 young men go to the polls armed with shotguns to enforce their rights." Fierce, is he not? While the young men are parading with shotguns Mr. Allen will be toasting his toes at the Pendennis Club.

It is an ill bird that befouls its own nest, but what can be said bad enough for a bird that leaves home to defoul its own nest? If the Kentucky Irish American did not know that Lafon Allen was a total abstainer, it might have been said that it was the Illinois product talking. Knowing him to be as gentle and as cultured as he is, we can only hope that he will seek relief for his mental emaciation.

PUSH THEM THROUGH.

The Legislature of Kentucky, now in session, appears to have a very commendable idea, inasmuch as it desires to prevent crime, or at least to make crimes of certain character punishable by heavy penalties. "Prevention of crime" is to be the watchword of the Assembly, and it comes in particular section of the bill.

All our legislators seem to be improving the Grand Old Commonwealth. Too long has Kentucky been allied with the name "Dark and Bloody Ground." That was the Indian cognomen for our people inherited, and which unfortunately has hung over like a pall during the past century. Our cities are well governed, our statesmen compare with the greatest in America; our laws are not surpassed; and our mothers, sisters, daughters, wives—are the sweetest, dearest creatures on earth. Why, then, should we protect those near and dear to us and show to the whole world that we esteem them by putting the greatest penalty on crime?

Our Legislature appears to be moving in the right direction. The Kentucky Irish American hopes it will reach the desired end.

First and foremost of the measures thus far introduced is Senator Ben Johnson's bill regarding the carrying of concealed and deadly weapons. The bill provides that persons arrested for killing or wounding shall not be allowed the plea of self-defense if it can be proven that for twelve hours before the commission of the crime charged the defendants carried a concealed weapon. It provides, however, that the act shall not apply to the trial of any person who acted in repelling an attack made either upon himself or another with intent to commit robbery or rape. Neither shall this act apply to the trials of those authorized by law to carry concealed deadly weapons.

Another excellent bill is that introduced by Senator Charlton, raising the age of consent in Kentucky from twelve to sixteen years. In these days too many safeguards can not be thrown around our women. The purity of Kentucky womanhood should be the paramount desire of every legislator and every citizen.

The bill to exclude from the divorce courts those who have no better plea than abandonment for one year is another admirable feature of the work mapped out by the General Assembly.

Debauchees will refrain from their nefarious work in Kentucky if the bill compelling men to live with their wives at least five years, even if the marriage is forced, should the bill to that effect become a law. None of the above bills are partisan in character, all designed to make a greater and better Kentucky.

SAVE YOUR TEARS.

A number of daily papers are wasting valuable space printing their correspondents' stories of the visit of Mrs. Minor Morris to the White House, her subsequent ejection and incarceration. Mrs. Morris was unwomanly when she interfered in her husband's affairs, unladylike when she tried to force her presence on the Chief Executive of the nation, and she completely unsexed herself when she defied anyone to eject her. She got exactly what she deserved, and only hysterical newspaper correspondents and Ishmaelites, like Senator Tillman, who misrepresents his State in the Senate, are trying to make capital out of the incident. America is proud of her women, but our people are not shedding tears over viragoes.

PRESIDENT DOLAN'S LETTER.

Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians have good reason to be proud of their National President, James E. Dolan. His letter in the current issue of the National Hibernian is manly, patriotic and thoroughly Irish. It teems with good advice to State, county and division officers and to individual members. Listen to this: "Then let each division, each officer, each individual member, labor with unceasing effort to have our cause and our principles thoroughly understood, to cause the history of Ireland to be taught not only in the schools and colleges, but to be read and studied by your own family hearthstones, to teach a love for Irish music and Irish literature to your children, to permeate and surround them with Irish influences all to the end that

they in their days and generation may be as ardent in Ireland's cause as their ancestors ever were in the past; that they in their turn may labor in behalf of Ireland's hopes and aspirations until the day when the dawning light on the Eastern horizon will proclaim that, after years of toil and sacrifice on the part of her children, the hour of Ireland's regeneration as a nation has at length arrived and the hope of all sincere Hibernians realized."

This is the proper spirit. If Hibernians do not sow among the children they can not expect to reap among men. Louisville divisions should have more open meetings, more occasions for their children to assist. One good Irish song sung by a child will cause twenty to emulate the example.

If the Rev. Father D. S. Phelan would give half the time and attention to the Western Watchman proofs that he wastes in blackguarding the whole of creation, from Dominican Friars to Southern Colonels, his paper would not have a head like "The Apostate of the Cloister," when it was intended to read "The Apostolate of the Cloister."

There are people in Louisville who take Frank C. Nunemacher's application for the Postmastership as a joke. Frank was in earnest. His appointment would be an insult to every honest workingman in the city, State and country.

RECENT DEATHS.

Martin Thomas, an old and respected resident of Lafayette township, Ind., died on Tuesday, and his funeral took place from St. Mary's of the Knobs church on Thursday morning.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Thomas, of 1515 Story avenue, sympathize with them in their grief over the death of their infant daughter, whose funeral occurred on Wednesday.

William H. Dalton died at his home, 1509 Twentieth street, on Monday morning. The deceased was a well known Irish-American resident of the West End. His funeral took place from the Sacred Heart church on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Johanna O'Connor, widow of Timothy O'Connor, died at her home, 1952 Portland avenue, on Monday. Her funeral took place from St. Cecilia's church on Wednesday morning. The deceased was highly esteemed in the community in which she lived.

Sister Caroline, a member of the Loretine order, died at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital on Friday last. She had been ill several weeks but her death was unexpected. Prior to entering religion the deceased was Miss Mary Murphy. Funeral services were held in the hospital chapel. The body was sent to Bethlehem, Ky., for burial.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Connelly, who died at her home, 918 Geiger street, on Saturday, took place from St. John's church, Clay and Walnut streets, on Monday morning. The deceased was thirty-seven years old and is survived by her husband, Patrick Connelly, and four small children. She was held in high esteem by her numerous friends and acquaintances.

The funeral of Mrs. Anna Nix, who died at her home, 2628 Duncan street, on Saturday, took place from St. Anthony's church on Monday. The deceased was fifty-three years old and is survived by eight grown children, all well and favorably known. One of her sons is George Nix, who with Barney Flynn conducts the West End Cafe. The family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Mrs. Elizabeth Prentz died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Florence Foley, 1911 Fifteenth street, on Monday. The deceased was seventy years old and lived the greater part of her life in New Albany, where she was well and favorably known. Four sons and three daughters survive her. The funeral took place from St. William's church on Wednesday morning and the remains were taken to New Albany for burial.

KELLAR LANDS.

County Assessor John Adams has been fortunate in securing the services of Kellar Williamson as a member of his office force. Kellar has been connected with the County Assessor's office so long that he is thoroughly familiar with the duties there, and Assessor Adams is to be congratulated on the acquisition. A. H. Brachey, who represents the Eleventh and Twelfth wards, has been appointed Chief Deputy Assessor and has resigned from the School Board.

FATHER O'SULLIVAN IMPROVING.

The Rev. Father Daniel O'Sullivan, the venerable pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, who has been seriously ill at St. Joseph's Infirmary during the past two weeks, is somewhat improved, though by no means out of danger. He has labored nearly thirty years in this diocese, and the greater part of the time at his present charge. His many friends are hoping for his speedy recovery.

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SOCIETY.

Miss Costello Fitzgerald has gone to Grand Rapids, Mich., to visit friends.

Misses Ida and Mamie Schulmann are the guests of friends in Lexington.

Mrs. William Bulger, of Portland, has as her guest Mrs. Jennie Williams, of Cincinnati.

Miss Elizabeth Hogan, of Jeffersonville, is visiting her brother, John Hogan, at Indianapolis.

Edward Gorman has returned to his home in Portland after a protracted visit to Madison, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Figg and John Leverone have gone to the Pacific Coast for a protracted visit.

Miss Stella Merker, of Lebanon, has returned home after a pleasant visit to Miss Mary D. Murphy.

John Burke, of the Grauman-Henckey-Cross Company, has returned from a business trip to St. Louis.

City Marshal James Lillis, of Frankfort, was in Louisville shaking hands with his friends on Monday.

Mrs. John Duttlinger is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George E. Poggel, 2406 St. Xaviers street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson and children have gone to Florida to spend the remaining winter months.

Misses Mamie and Ida Schubmann, of Beechmont, had as their guest Miss Lillian Beckert, of Lexington.

Mrs. Thomas A. Quinn has returned from Shelbyville where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. James B. O'Leary.

Thomas Brennan, the retired manufacturer, has gone to Hot Springs to spend the remaining winter months.

Mrs. Fred J. Crowley, of Chicago, formerly Miss Bee Mullarkey, of this city, is the guest of friends in Louisville.

Mrs. Charles L. Crush and Mrs. C. M. Ferris, who are enjoying a trip to New York, are expected home next Wednesday.

Walter Young, the well known compositor, has returned from St. Louis, where he has been during the past two years.

Miss Cora O'Meara has returned from a pleasant visit to Mt. Washington, Ky., where she was the guest of friends and relatives.

Casper Hammer and wife have returned from West Baden Springs, where both were greatly benefited by the healing waters.

Miss Alice Dubourg has returned to her home in Shelbyville after a visit to her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Kempf, of this city.

Mrs. Philip J. Brogan entertained the Young Ladies' Euchre Club of Portland at her home, 2626 Duncan street, on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Byrne have returned to their home at Princeton, Ind., after a visit to the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Byrne, of Portland.

Miss Maggie Grogan, who has been ill at St. Joseph's Infirmary during the past two weeks, has improved rapidly and will be brought home tomorrow.

Miss Emily Callahan has returned home from a three months' visit to Fort Worth, Texas, where she was the guest of Mrs. Frank D. Boyd.

Mrs. J. W. Haley and Mrs. Harvey D. Hayes have returned from a pleasant visit to Hartford, Ky., where they were the guests of Mrs. M. L. Heavrin.

Miss Anna Malone, who is confined to her home, on Willow avenue, from an attack of typhoid fever, is resting as well as possible under the circumstances.

Mrs. D. B. Tarpy, who has been the guest of Miss Katie Henley, 511 Twentieth street, has returned to her home at Marietta, O. She made many friends during her stay here.

Miss Lillian Wepler and James Dalton will be united in the holy bonds of matrimony at St. Michael's church on Monday. After a short bridal tour they will make their home in Oakdale.

The Ray Belle Ayres will open their dance season at Schreiber's hall, Twenty-sixth and Bank streets, on the evening of Tuesday, January 30. The same popular organization will give dances on February 13 and February 27.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chester held a reception for a party of friends at their home on Haldeman avenue, Thursday evening. Misses Abbie and Mabel Chester entertained those present with vocal and instrumental solos.

The Solola Club, an organization of popular young people, will give a series of dances at Ostrader's Hall, beginning Tuesday, January 23. Messrs. Andrew Weier, George Rosendahl and Irwin Kanauer are the committee in charge of arrangements.

Miss Bridget Hanrahan, of 723 West St. Catherine street, fell on the stairs at the Hopkins' Theater building last Wednesday evening and sprained her right wrist. She was leaving a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. H., when the accident occurred.

Mrs. Otto E. Yent, who has been seriously ill at St. Anthony's Hospital, is recovering rapidly and expects to be able to return home next week. She suffered from a malignant case of typhoid fever, but the careful attention she received at St. Anthony's has almost completely restored her health.

William J. Chawk, for years bookkeeper for the Globe Tanning Company, has gone to Memphis to take charge of a wholesale saddlery house there. He will be gone two or three months and may decide to locate there permanently.

Miss Catherine Mayer has returned from Indianapolis, where she was lavishly entertained and much admired for her charms and loveliness. Several parties and receptions were held in her honor. Miss Mayer is one of the handsomest and most popular girls of the younger set in the West End.

Miss Hettie Eckles, of 427 Twenty-sixth street, has gone to Gallatin, Tenn., to be the guest of her friend, Mrs. House, of that city. Miss Julia Gosnell, of 425 Twenty-sixth street, a sister of Mrs. House, has spent the past six weeks at Gallatin. Miss Eckles and Miss Gosnell will return to Louisville next week.

Nicholas A. Holzer, of this city, and Miss Kathryn McHugh, of Marietta, O., will be united in matrimony in the latter city next Wednesday. The bride-to-be has made her home in this city during the past two years and is well and favorably known. Mr. and Mrs. Holzer will reside at 621 East Broadway, this city.

John Ward and Miss Florence Alvey were united in marriage at the Cathedral rectory by the Rev. Father P. M. J. Rock on Thursday. The attendants were John McGuire and John Schnell. Both young people have many well wishers who desire to see them enjoy a pleasant journey on the sea of life. They are at home to their friends at 723 Oldham street.

Mrs. William Whitty entertained at her home, at Thirty-seventh and Madison streets, on Thursday afternoon. The favors were won by Mrs. Thomas D. Clines, Mrs. John O'Connell and Mrs. Hillerich. Among those present were Mesdames John O'Connell, Thomas D. Clines, John W. Gray, William M. Higgins, Hillerich, Rossinger, Cunningham and Richard Whitty.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Linebecker, of Chicago, are spending their honeymoon at the Galt House. On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Savage entertained in honor of the happy young couple at their home, 2716 West Chestnut street. Among those present were Mrs. Fred J. Crowley, of Chicago; Messrs. and Mesdames Patrick Savage, Thomas D. Clines, Charles Linebecker and Misses Hattie Higgins and Katie Morgan and Thomas Campion. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Miss Catherine Heekin and Frederick Ruffa were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at St. Aloysius' church, Pewee Valley, the Rev. Father Edward W. Boes officiating, at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The bride has been in America only a few years and is a typical Irish beauty. The greater part of her life in this country was spent at Lakeland, where she made many friends. The groom is a well to do young farmer and is receiving many congratulations on winning such a charming bride.

Miss Irene Hale Maxwell and John H. Shea were quietly married at St. Charles Borromeo church at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Father Raffo. The bride is one of the charming daughters of Rolla F. Maxwell. Mr. Shea was for several years Secretary of the Board of Public Safety, but is now holding a responsible position with the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company. Mr. and Mrs. Shea are at home to their friends at 2112 Magazine street.

ANNUAL ELECTION

Of Officers Held by the Holy Name Society Monday Night.

The Holy Name Society, an organization of men belonging to St. Louis Bertrand's congregation, and which has for its object the prevention of cursing, swearing and the use of obscene and profane language, held its annual election of officers on Monday night. The election resulted as follows:

Spiritual Director—The Rev. Father Eugene V. Flood, O. P.
President—Joseph Morthorst.
Vice President—Bernard P. J. Kavanagh.

Recording Secretary—M. J. Garrity.
Financial Secretary—Lawrence Meany.
Treasurer—Joseph F. Wagner.

William J. Connelly, the retiring President, would have been re-elected by an overwhelming majority had he not stated positively that he would not accept the office. Father Flood and Mr. Connelly were given rising votes of thanks for their untiring efforts in behalf of the society during the past year. The officers will meet Father Flood in the Dominican convent on Monday night, when President Morthorst will announce his Advisory Board. It is probable that some steps will be taken to renew interest in the society.

DECLARES HIMSELF.

Popular Barney Coll, of Jeffersonville, has formerly announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Circuit Clerk of Clark county. Mr. Coll has served two terms as County Treasurer and he has friends enough to get him anything he wants. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Knights of Columbus and Catholic Knights of America.

YOUNG LADIES ELECT.

The Young Ladies' Sodality of St. Augustine's church, in Jeffersonville, held its annual election on Sunday afternoon. The new officers are:

Prefect—Miss Julia McCarthy.
Vice President—Miss Anne Connelly.
Secretary—Miss Mary Kennedy.
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The members of St. Augustine's congregation in Jeffersonville have elected the following parish counsellors: James Marra, John B. Murphy, Martin Fogarty, Bernard A. Coll, John G. Cole and Martin Conroy.

The members of Louisville Council met at Gran W. Smith Sons' undertaking establishment, 809 West Jefferson street, on Sunday afternoon and escorted the remains of Capt. James C. Rudd, of Owensboro, to their last resting place in St. Louis cemetery. The religious funeral rites were held in Owensboro.

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The Rev. Edward W. Boes, pastor of the Catholic missions which include Pewee Valley, Eminence and Lagrange, has begun the new year by reorganizing the altar societies at Pewee Valley and Eminence. At Pewee Valley thirty-five ladies are enrolled and at Eminence twenty-eight. The latter society did gratifying work in beautifying the church during the past year. It was mainly through the influence of these ladies that the church at Eminence was enriched by the presentation of new vestments. On Christmas day the altar was adorned with a magnificent altar cloth, the handwork of Miss Katie Kircher, of Louisville. Few churches can boast any finer work of art. The center piece bears the inscription I. H. S. embroidered in gold colored silk. On either side are embroidered large American beauty roses. All is done in silk and in the most artistic manner. The ladies of Eminence are very proud of their handsome present. Not to be outdone, the Ladies' Aid Society of Pewee Valley have made a handsome white chasuble, which will ever be a mark of their artistic skill in needlework.

PROVED FATAL.

Lieut. Dan McAuliffe Died as the Result of Accidental Shooting.

Lieut. Daniel J. McAuliffe died at St. Joseph's Infirmary Wednesday evening as the result of an accident. Last Sunday he was hiding his revolver in a trunk to keep his small children from playing with it. In some unknown manner the weapon was discharged, the ball entering McAuliffe's abdomen and piercing the intestines. The wounded man was removed to St. Joseph's Infirmary, where every known to surgical art was done to save his life, despite the fact that the physicians saw from the first that there was little hope. He lingered in agony until death came to his relief at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. The dead officer was thirty-seven years old and is survived by his wife, who was Miss Bridget King, and four children, the eldest not quite twelve years old. Two brothers, also policemen, Michael and John McAuliffe, and a sister, Mrs. Nicholas Smith, also survive. The deceased was a graduate of St. Xavier's College and had been a member of the police force about twelve years. After his death the body was removed to the family residence, 730 Zane street. The funeral will take place from St. Louis Bertrand's church at 9 o'clock this morning.

TOBACCO,

Instead of Potatoes, May Become the Staple Product of Ireland.

"Tobacco will take the place of potatoes as the staple product of Ireland," is the startling prediction of Prof. George M. Keller, who arrived in Kentucky this week direct from the Emerald Isle. Prof. Keller is now connected with the British Agricultural Department, with headquarters in Dublin. Formerly he was a teacher in the agricultural department of the Kentucky State College, but was employed by the British Government on account of his knowledge of tobacco culture. On Monday he addressed the students of the State College at Lexington on the nature of his work in Ireland. Prof. Keller is enthusiastic on the subject of improving agricultural conditions in Erin's Isle. He told the students that the soil of Ireland was admirably well adapted to the culture of tobacco. The question to be solved, he said, was the kind of tobacco to be grown. Before returning to Ireland Prof. Keller will visit the tobacco raising districts of the United States and Canada with a view to studying present conditions in the tobacco industry before making a final report to the British Government.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

The new officers of the St. Joseph's Orphans' Society were publicly installed at a meeting held in St. Boniface's school hall Sunday afternoon. Several hundred of the members witnessed the impressive

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Financial Secretary—Henry Francke.
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AMUSEMENTS.

"In Old Kentucky," a drama of particular interest to Louisville people, will hold the boards at Masonic Theater next week. The play is now enjoying its thirteenth season of uninterrupted success. Matinees will be given on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The Parisian Belles Extravaganza Company, heralded as the brightest spoke in the burlesque world, will be the attraction at the Buckingham Theater all of next week. In addition to the two original musical burlesques the company will present an olio of exceptional merit. Matinees will be given every day.

The celebrated New York Symphony Orchestra will be the attraction at Macaulay's Theater Monday night. Walter Damrosch will conduct the music and Miss Zudie Harris, the talented pianist and composer of this city, will be the principal soloist. "The Serio-Comic Girl" will be the attraction Thursday, Friday and Saturday night and Saturday matinee.

Tony Wilson and Heloise, originators of the Trampolin or bounding bed, are the headliners announced for Hopkins' next week. [Besides these Charles Leonard and Fletcher will appear in a humorous sketch; the Amoros Sisters, singers, jugglers and trapeze artists; Bruno and Russell have a comedy sketch; the Doria Trio will present "A Night in Venice;" Bryant and Saville, old favorites, have a new sketch called "Start Me;" Boyce and Burkank, comedians and vocalists, have an excellent turn, and the knudrone will have a thrilling set of pictures showing train wreckers at work.

LAID AWAY.

Infant Son of James Dougherty Escapes Turmoil of the World.

Many friends in Louisville will sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dougherty, of Muncie, Ind., whose infant son, John Patrick, died on Thursday of last week and was buried the following day. The infant was but five days old, yet it was their first born. Only parents who have had similar experiences can fully sympathize with Jim Dougherty and his estimable wife. But the death of a baby, after all, should be a consolation to the parents. He will not have to incur the misfortunes that flesh is heir to and every Catholic father and mother knows that their baptized infants await them in heaven. When earthly friends repel, when the whole world seems against you, then is the time that the memory of the babe shines out as a beacon light, it shows that there is some one to welcome you in heaven, some one not soiled by the corruption of the world, and yet one who has a holy and a natural love for the father and mother who helped to bring about his creation, who caused him to take part in the heavenly choir.

Mrs. Dougherty, who prior to her marriage was Miss Catherine Graney, of Louisville, was ill of pneumonia when the baby was born. At last accounts her condition was somewhat improved, but she is not yet out of danger.

EXAMPLE

Shown by Officers of Mackin Council in Being Prompt at Meetings.

Considering the fact that a joint meeting was held only a week before and that its members had been overtaxed with work recently, Mackin Council, Y. M. I., had an unusually large attendance on Tuesday night. President Charles S. Raidy occupied the chair and every officer was in his place. This augurs well for any society, since the fidelity of the officers is an incentive to the subordinate members to be prompt in their attendance.

For the first time in many months no applications were received, but investigating committees reported favorably on two candidates. Alfred E. Bader was reported ill in Denver, Col.; Louis Eschrich sick in New York City; and James Mullarkey sick in Louisville. Leslie Quinkert, who had been on the sick list several weeks, was reported well.

The House Committee recommended that the hall used for dancing be repainted; that a chair railing be installed to protect the plastering on the walls; and that a light be placed on the front porch. The council concurred in the recommendations and ordered the improvements made. It is more than probable that the gymnasium class and the social club will give a joint entertainment in the near future to raise funds to defray the expenses incurred in making the improvements.

Grand Director Thomas J. Garvey, of Trinity Council, attended the meeting and delivered an address that was enjoyed by all present. The Federation Committee reported that Mackin Council had been complimented at the last meeting of the Jefferson County Federation of Catholic Societies for its promptitude in making reports, and that the council had been further honored by the appointment of Samuel Robertson, one of its members, on the Executive Committee.

PRIZE WINNERS.

A combination drawing for the benefit of the Immaculate Conception church, at Lagrange, was held on Tuesday. Ticket 1,414 drew the folding bed donated by the Rev. Father Patrick Walsh, of Louisville. Miss Mollie Mackey, 316 L street, Louisville, was the lucky holder. Ticket 1,177, held by Mrs. Mary Kircher, 1502 Washington street, won the marble crucifix donated by the Charles A. Rogers Book Co. Mrs. Louisa Nutter, of Lagrange, Ky., held ticket 1,135 and drew the wax Madonna donated by Mrs. Anna Deekert, of Louisville. Mr. William Huette, of Besse, Ky., won the cooking stove. Father Boes and the people of his poor parish at Lagrange extend heartfelt thanks to all who in any way helped to make the drawing a success.

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HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing the Past Week—General News Notes.

Division 1 of Seattle is planning to have Douglas Hyde lecture under its auspices. Division 2, of North Walpole, N. H., celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on last Friday.

Do not let your interest in the proposed Hibernian hall in this city flag. Strike while the iron is hot.

Division 1 of New Albany held a well attended euchar at Holy Trinity school hall on Tuesday afternoon.

Division 2 met last night and President Con J. Ford appointed good men on the Permanent Home and Hall Committee.

Five hundred persons, among them several clergymen, witnessed the installation of the officers of Division 1 at Buffalo.

A class of forty candidates received the degrees after the officers had been installed by Division 11 of Utica, N. Y., at the last meeting.

County President McCormick, of Buffalo, has named each of the division Presidents on his committee of arrangements for the St. Patrick's day banquet.

Divisions 1 and 2 of Nashua, N. H., visited Wilton last Sunday and exemplified the fourth degree on a class of candidates. These Eastern Hibernians certainly circulate.

Members of the order in Erie county, New York, will join with other Catholic societies in Buffalo in extending a warm welcome to the National Federation of Catholics next June.

Divisions 1 and 4 will meet next Tuesday and Wednesday nights respectively. An important feature of each meeting will be the appointment of Committees on Permanent Home and Hall.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is moving in the right direction and should receive more general support and encouragement from the men. Remember that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

Much of the success of the concert given at Buffalo by the Irish ladies' choir was due to the earnest efforts of members of the order. The Very Rev. Monsignor Lanigan addressed the County Board on the subject and by that means secured the co-operation of members.

The Hibernians at Auburn, N. Y., will hold their St. Patrick's day banquet on the night of March 16. As the seventeenth falls on Saturday and the banquet would doubtless extend past the midnight hour, it was deemed advisable to hold the festivities twenty-four hours earlier.

Divisions 1 and 2 and the Ladies' Auxiliary of Seattle held a joint initiation at their last meeting. The drill team of Division 1, which consists of twelve members, went through several pretty figures. Each organization has sixty members, although the first auxiliary was only organized last March.

Dr. Thomas A. McCarthy, State President of the order in New Hampshire, has made his annual report, showing that the membership has increased 180 during the past nine months. There are now 1,812 members in that State. Kentucky is larger, has more sons and daughters of Erin and nearly 1,000 less Hibernians.

Every member of the order should read National President Dolan's new year greeting at least three times. The oftener you read it the better it seems. When you have allowed its meaning to sink into your mind, hand the letter to some Irish Catholic friend who is not a Hibernian. That is the way to build up your order.

INSTANT DEATH.

Fate of John Lawler on His First Trip as a Road Fireman.

John Lawler, a fireman on the Southern railway, met instant death in a wreck near Lawrenceburg, Ky., last Saturday. A train ahead of the one on which Lawler was riding broke in two and the cars, running down hill, collided with the other train. Lawler was caught beneath

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the wreck and was instantly killed. Six persons were more or less seriously injured by the smashup.

His remains were brought to this city and after being prepared for burial were taken to the home of his father, Thomas Lawler, 2806 Garfield avenue. The deceased was twenty-three years old and is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Thomas, Jr., and William Lawler and Misses Mayme Margaret and Katie Lawler. He had fired a switch engine in the yard for more than a year and was making his first run when death overtook him. The funeral took place from St. Cecilia's church on Monday morning.

WELL ATTENDED.

The Sewing Circle of St. Edward's Hospital, New Albany, gave a euchar in that city on Wednesday afternoon and evening. The attendance was large and quite a nice sum was realized for the hospital, which is doing a great and meritorious work.

IRELAND.

Record of the Most Important of the Recent Events Culled From Exchanges.

W. P. Burke, of Tipperary, has secured a patent on dashboards and platforms for motor cars.

John Byrne, seventy years old and prominent in his vicinity, died recently at his home, near Clonmel.

Redmond Barry, a prominent Catholic attorney of Dublin, has been appointed Solicitor General for Ireland.

Mrs. Mary Kelly, who is said to have been the oldest resident of County Wexford, is dead at the age of 100 years.

Sister Rose Crowley died recently at the convent of the Sisters of Mercy, at Cappoquin. She had been a member of the order twenty-five years.

The Belfast corporation and the Belfast Harbor Board have arrived at an agreement for the establishment of a train system on the Queen's road.

"The Irish Theological Quarterly" is the title of a new Catholic periodical published in Dublin. It has five editors, each a member of the faculty of Maynooth College.

Expert mineralogists, it is claimed, have discovered a valuable vein of copper near Coolawn, County Tipperary. Mining operations on the land are expected to begin soon.

The County Dublin Farmers' Association have protested against hunting clubs using foreign hay, oats and straw. The same body has protested against the Royal Dublin Society for using German peat.

Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, has contributed \$50 to the Irish Parliamentary fund. In a letter accompanying the subscription he asserted his belief that the future of Ireland for a lifetime depends on the general elections now in progress.

Miss Kathleen O'Connell, of Darrynone Abbey, great-granddaughter of the great Liberator, who is a probationary nurse in Richmond Hospital, Dublin, has just won a gold medal for the highest aggregate of marks in three competitive examinations in anatomy, physiology and hygiene, against a number of competitors from three hospitals.

The Orangemen received a rather rude shock lately. King Edward has found it necessary to let it be known at the central offices of both the Unionist and Liberal parties that all election literature containing any reference to him or displaying the royal arms as a means of identifying him with either party must be stopped. Such an unheard-of order goes to the very length of depriving the Orangemen of their entire political stock in trade at a single blow.

The bishops of Ireland are again endeavoring to check the outflow of emigrants that is threatening to depopulate their country. The Primate of all Ireland, His Eminence Cardinal Logue, has issued an address which is ordered to be read in every church in Ireland, appealing to the people to stay at home, and pointing out the perils that beset immigrants in the overcrowded tenement districts of the big cities of the United States. We hope that in a year or two an Irish Parliament will be established and that it may devise means to aid the young Irish boys and girls to make a living in their own land.

THORNTON'S GREAT CHANCE.

Michael Thornton, one of the most favorably known young Democrats in New Albany, is being pushed forward as the nominee of his party for State Senator from Floyd and Harrison counties, Ind. The chances are very much in favor of Mr. Thornton's nomination and election. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and has many friends in Louisville.

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